

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

I. General Remarks

Please consider the application in view of the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for her careful consideration of this application.

II. Disposition of Claims

Claims 40-57 are pending in this application. Claims 1-39 were cancelled in Applicant's prior responses. Claims 58-76 have been cancelled herein. Applicant reserves the right to present these cancelled claims in one or more divisional applications.

Claims 58, 59, 67-70, and 73-75 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). The Final Office Action has objected to claims 60-66, 71, and 72-76.

III. Rejections of Claims

Claims 58, 59, 67-70, and 73-75 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,911,282 to Onan *et al.* (See Final Office Action at ¶ 1.) Applicant has cancelled these claims in this response, and thus respectfully requests that these rejections be withdrawn as moot.

V. Objections to Claims

The Final Office Action has objected to claims 60-66, 71, 72, and 76 as being dependent upon rejected base claims. (See Final Office Action at ¶ 3.) Applicant has cancelled these claims in this response, and thus respectfully requests that these objections be withdrawn as moot.

VI. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has stated that claims 40-57 are allowable over the art of record. (See Final Office Action at ¶ 2.) Applicant thanks the Examiner for this acknowledgement, and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for these claims.

V. No Waiver

All of Applicant's arguments and amendments are without prejudice or disclaimer. Additionally, Applicant has merely discussed example distinctions from the cited references. Other distinctions may exist, and Applicant reserves the right to discuss these additional distinctions in a later Response or on Appeal, if appropriate. By not responding to additional statements made by the Examiner, Applicant does not acquiesce to the Examiner's additional statements, such as, for example, any statements relating to what would be obvious to

a person of ordinary skill in the art. The example distinctions discussed by Applicant are sufficient to overcome the obviousness and anticipation rejections.

SUMMARY

In light of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections. Applicant further submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicits timely notice of the same. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney of record by telephone, facsimile, or electronic mail.

Applicant believes that there are no fees due in association with this filing of this Response. However, should the Commissioner deem that any additional fees are due, including any fees for extensions of time, Applicant respectfully requests that the Commissioner accept this as a Petition Therefor, and directs that any additional fees be charged to the Deposit Account of Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., No. 08-0300.

Respectfully submitted,



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